

RESOLUTION NUMBER 322
PASTOR ERNEST A. BYRD

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on Saturday February 16, 2008, the First Year Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Ernest A. Byrd will be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, every sojourn begins with an inaugural event, thus on January 10th Ernest Anthony Byrd became the son of Mr. Tommie Lee Byrd Jr. and Ms. Patricia Ann Hunter; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd is a product of the Saint Louis Public School District via Columbia Elementary, Blewett Middle and Central Visual and Performing Arts High School. He also attended Vista Del Lago High School in Moreno Valley, California. His matriculation was only 2 ½ years and this achievement distinguished him as the first in his family to complete high school; and

WHEREAS, Ernest began his Christian tenure with his baptism under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Ronald C. Bridewell of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Saint Louis, Missouri. He served in the youth choir and as captain of the junior usher board. He received the Holy Spirit while serving as a doorkeeper, as the Calvary Mass Choir sang “Fully Committed;” and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1999 Ernest became affiliated with the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church of Saint Louis, Missouri under the leadership of the late Reverend Lloyd G. Robinson. In August 1999, he elected to be re-baptized during the church’s annual baptism at the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, Ernest accepted his call to the ministry in 2000. Elder Ernest Anthony Byrd again received the distinction of becoming the first preacher in his family with the laying on of hands by the late Reverend Dr. Ronald C. Bridewell. His hunger for higher heights and deeper depths in the Lord, led Elder Byrd to Centennial Holyland Missionary Baptist Church of Saint Louis, Missouri under the leadership of Reverend Franklin D. Jefferson Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Elder Byrd received a prophetic Word of Confirmation from Bishop Giovanni A. Johnson Sr. (Senior Pastor of Victory In Praise Tabernacle-Saint Louis, Missouri) and Bishop Barbara Stewart (Senior Pastor of Meditation Spiritual Temple-Saint Louis, Missouri.) His God-Mother, Elder Sarah Houston, gave the ultimate confirmation of this level of ministry elevation; and

WHEREAS, out of that Spirit-Filled event on January 2, 2007 at high noon, Full Gospel Spiritual Temple “Headquarters of Praise” was legally born. The elevation of Elder Ernest A. Byrd to Pastor Ernest A. Byrd had taken place; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd is now leading a growing congregation with a vision. Pastor Byrd is the youngest pastor in the State of Missouri. Full Gospel Spiritual Temple has been empowered to change a generation with the Word of God. Proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church and the manifested Word of God. Our Goal is to reach those that are hurting, torn, broken, bitter, saddened and in search of a better way of living.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Pastor Ernest Anthony Byrd on the occasion of his First Year Pastoral Anniversary and we wish him continued success, triumph and accomplishment and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 25th day of January, 2008 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 25th day of January, 2008 as attested by: